

Springfield-Greene County Health Department Animal Control Program Overview

Animal Issues Task Force
April 30, 2012

Major Functions

– **Public safety (Core function)**

- Enforce all City ordinances
- Bite investigations
- Enforce rabies vaccination regulations

– **Animal welfare**

- Investigate animal cruelty/neglect
- Manage impounded animals
- Reunite impounded animals with owners
- Work with rescue partners to save adoptable animals



Changing Face of Animal Control

- Active partnerships with 33 rescue organizations
- Contract veterinarian on staff
- New cleaning protocols
- New wellness plan for dogs and cats at in-take
- New tracking software purchased and implemented
- Owner turn-in fees implemented on July 1, 2010

Program Challenges

- Outdated facilities
 - Inadequate shelter size
 - Poor location
 - No room to provide adoption services
- Inadequate supplies & services budget
 - Limited resources to provide medical care
 - Maintenance of aging vehicle fleet



Opportunities

- Promote education on proper pet care to citizens
- Work with partners such as SAAF to develop programs that promote spay and neuter
- New facilities

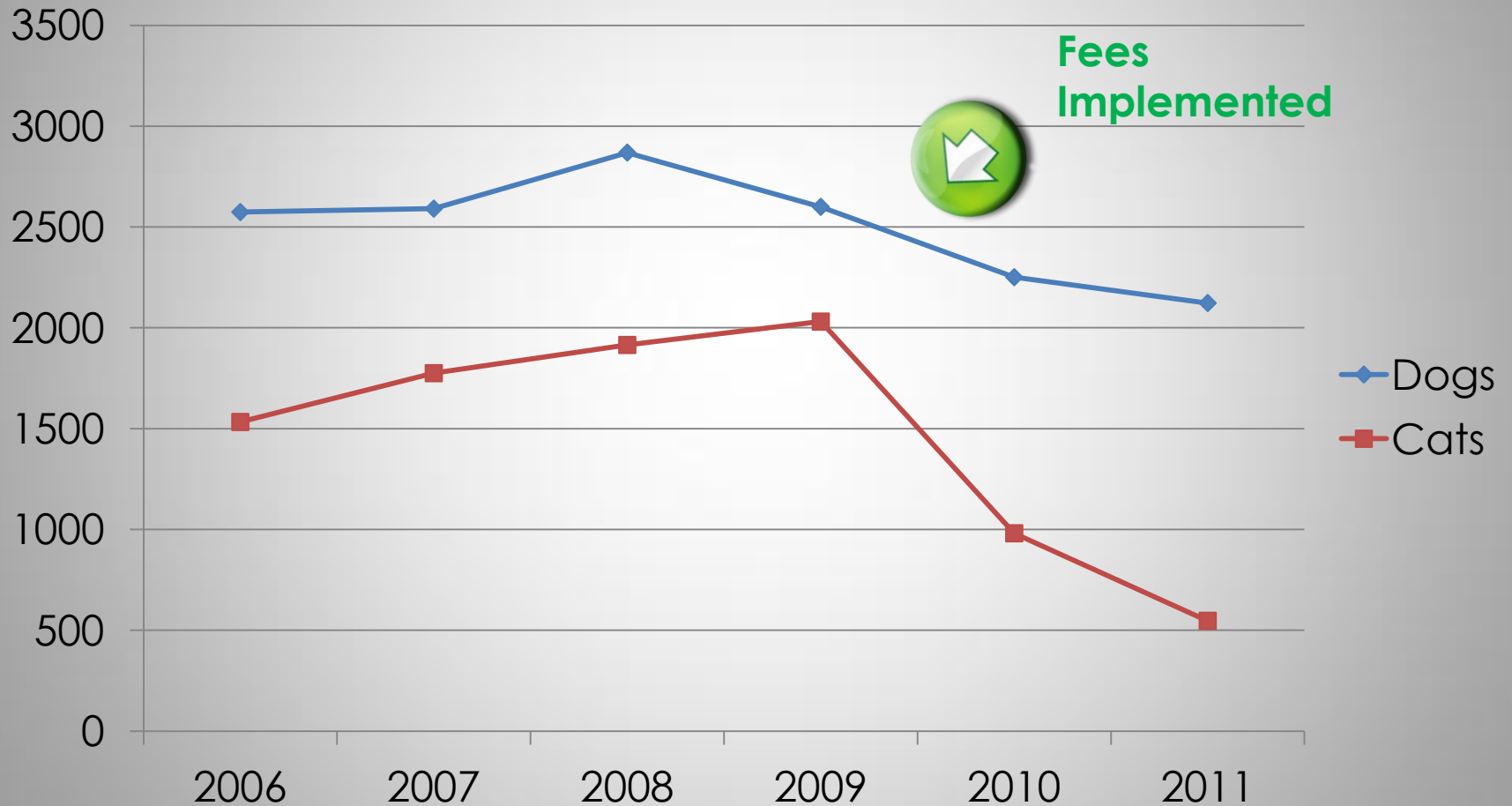


Data for Calendar Year 2011

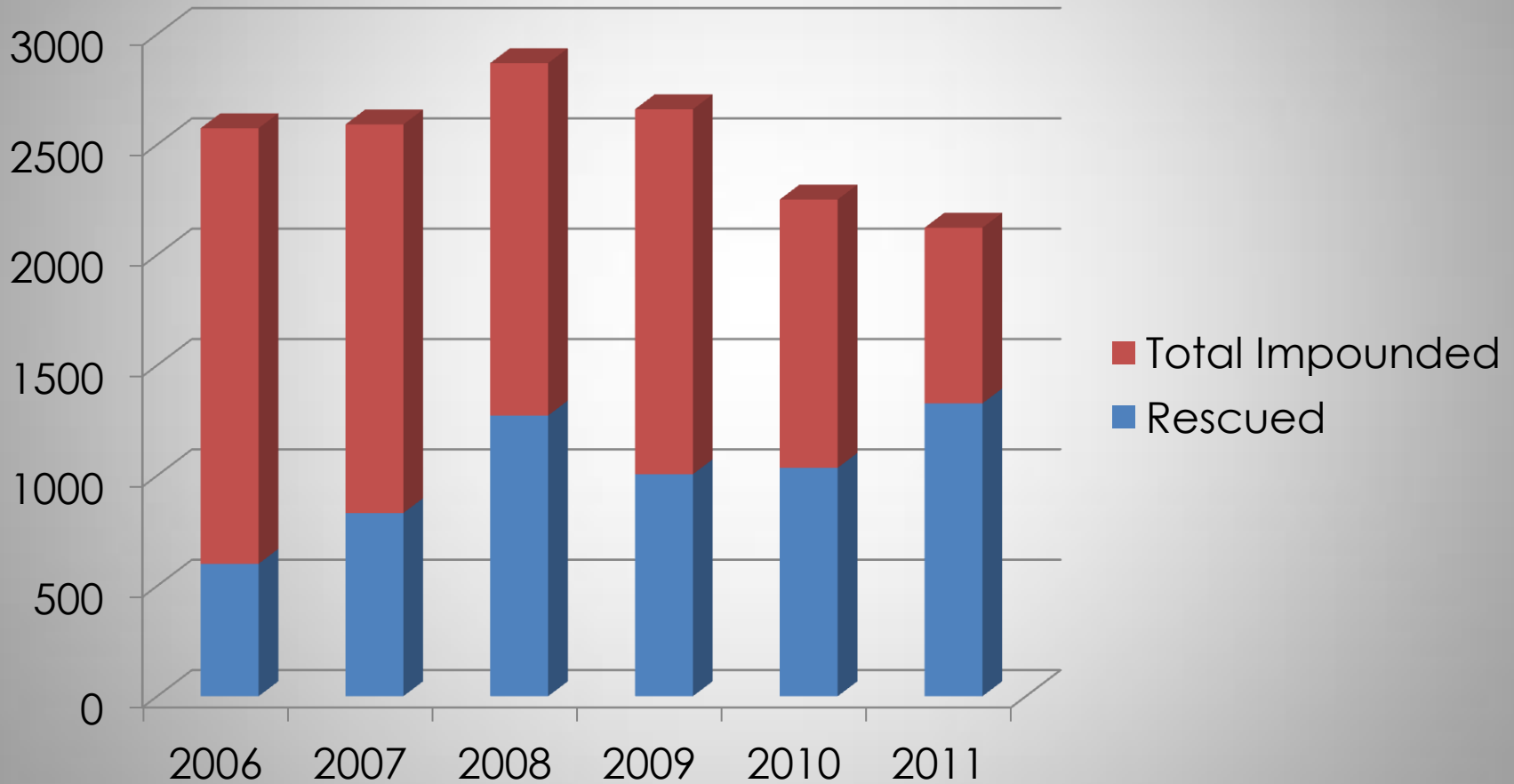
Number of calls for service	14,735
Bite cases investigated (dog & cat)	103
Summons issued	777
Animals Impounded	2,670
Animals Rescued	1,606 (60%)
Claimed by owner	490 (18%)
Animals euthanized	542 (20%)

*Remaining 2% includes wildlife and animals still in the shelter at year end.

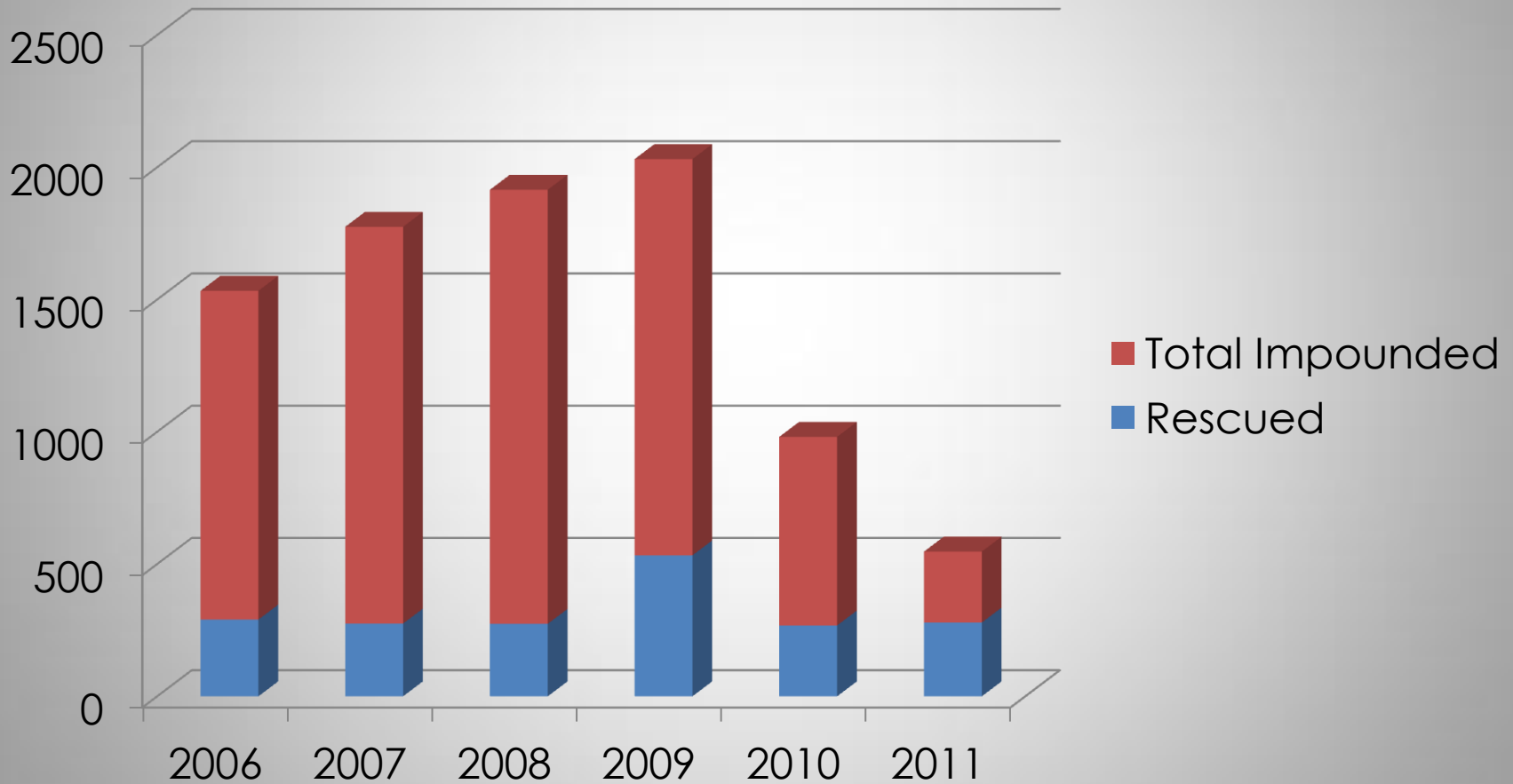
Recent Trends: In-take



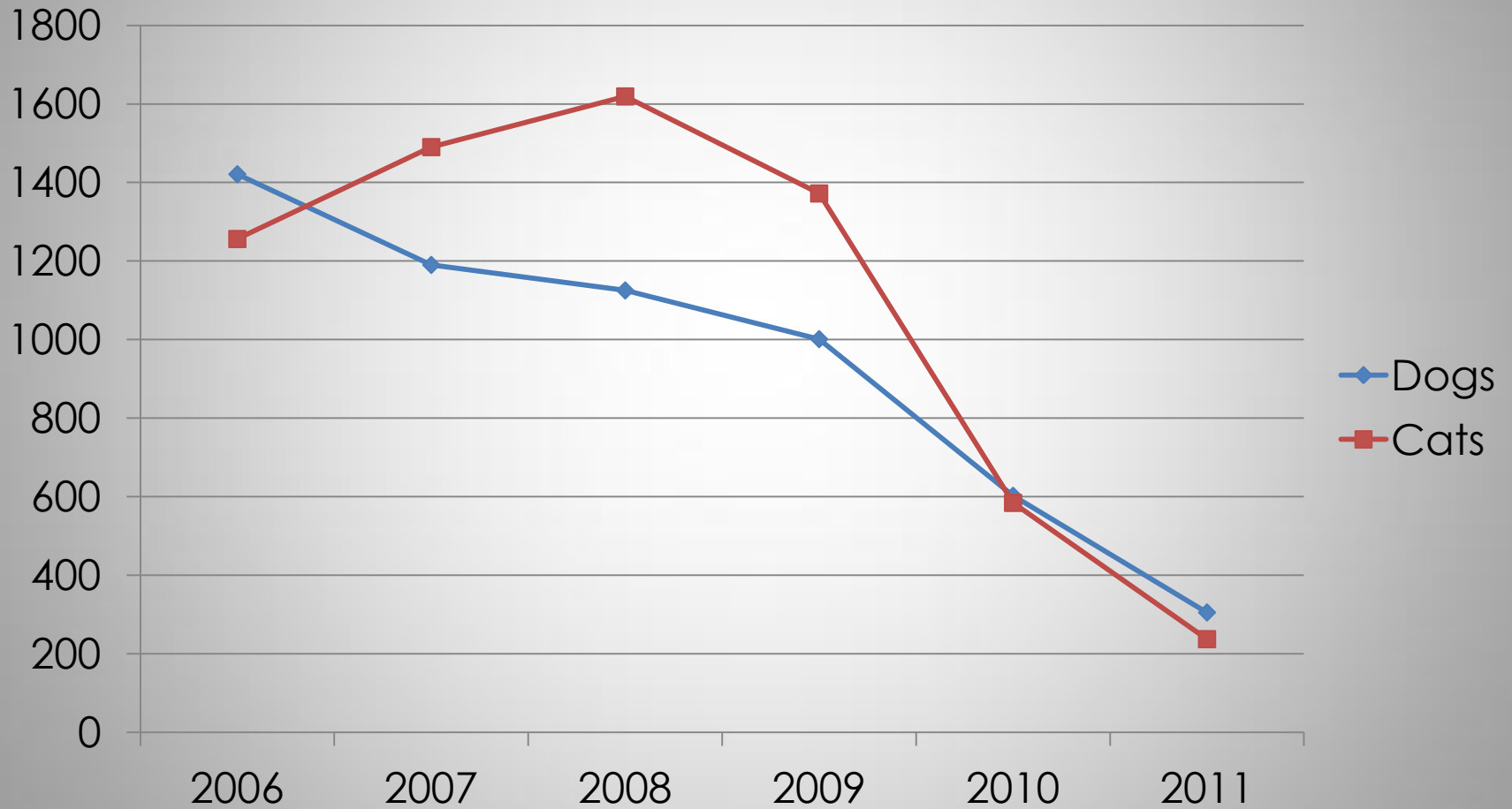
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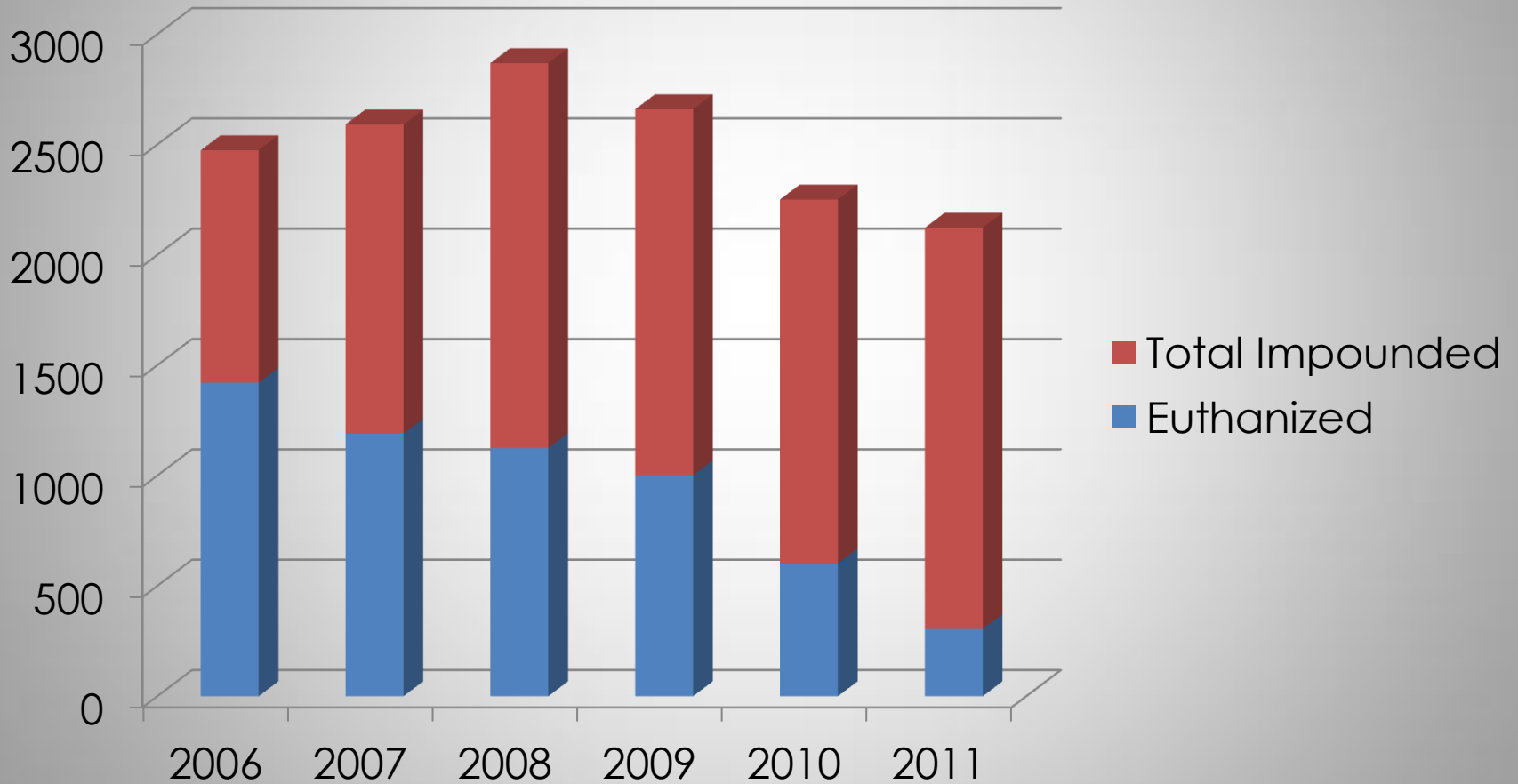
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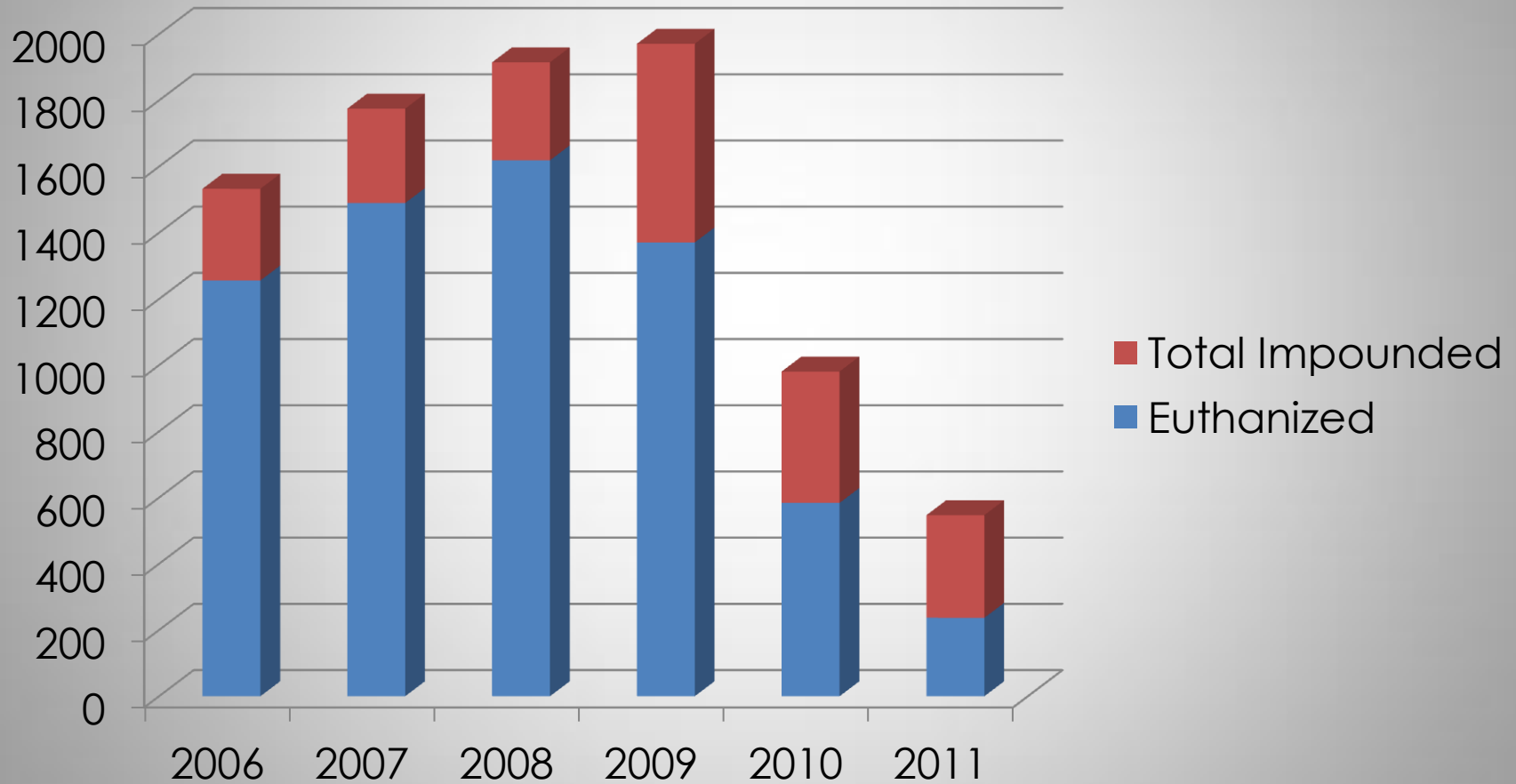
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Recent Trends: Dogs Euthanized

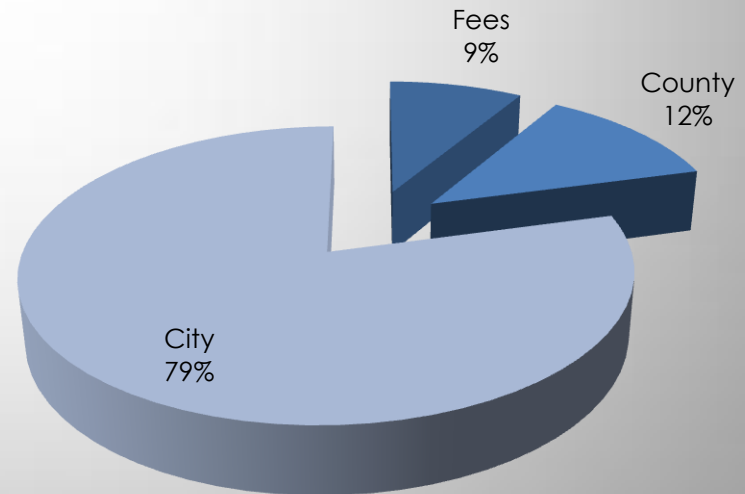
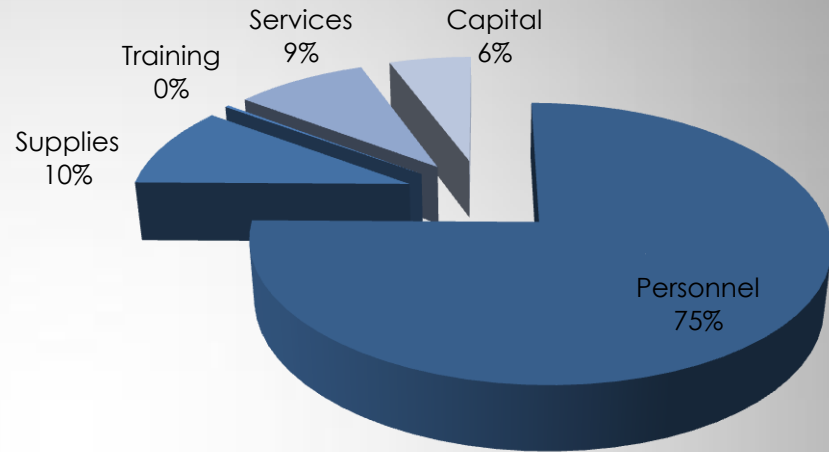


Recent Trends: Cats Euthanized



FY2011 budget data

EXPENDITURES	
Personnel	\$470,887
Supplies	\$62,155
Training	\$1,699
Capital	\$35,184
Services	\$56,326
Total	\$626,251
REVENUES	
Fees	\$53,924
County	\$76,504
City	\$495,823
Total	\$626,251



St. Joseph & Springfield Animal Control Programs – FY2009

Springfield		St. Joseph	
Sq. Miles Covered	68 Square Miles	Sq. Miles Covered	44.5 Square Miles
Population Served	151,580	Population Served	74,000
Staff	9	Staff	12
Shelter Size	3,849 square feet	Shelter Size	7,500 square feet
Runs/Cages	34	Number of Runs	67
Annual Budget	\$634,277	Annual Budget	\$756,045
Budget per Citizen	\$4.18	Budget per Citizen	\$10.21
Staff per Citizen	1 / 16,842	Staff per Citizen	1 / 6,159

Animal Shelter

Animal Shelter



Original 1930s-era building

Animal Shelter



Current main facility – Built in 1970s

Animal Shelter



- 34 kennels for dogs
- 19 cages for cats
- In 2011 we housed a total of 2,123 dogs and 547 cats



Animal Shelter



We have to share a room....

Animal Shelter



Shelter resides in a flood plain

Animal Shelter

Other Challenges:

- Lack of quarantine space
- Poorly ventilated
- Kennels will not dry properly
- Indoor-outdoor kennels
- No room to provide adoption services
- No office for supervisor (downtown)
- No area for truck parking (downtown)

Animal Shelter

Architect's Assessment, 2010:

- Used past data and 20% future growth factor
- Recommended 10,000 sq. ft.
- No accommodation for adoption space
- Expanding on current land yields “no easy solutions”
- Estimated cost: \$2.25 to \$2.5 million

However...

Shelter Improvements



Day of Caring 2009: City employees volunteer to deep clean and paint the cat facility

Shelter Improvements

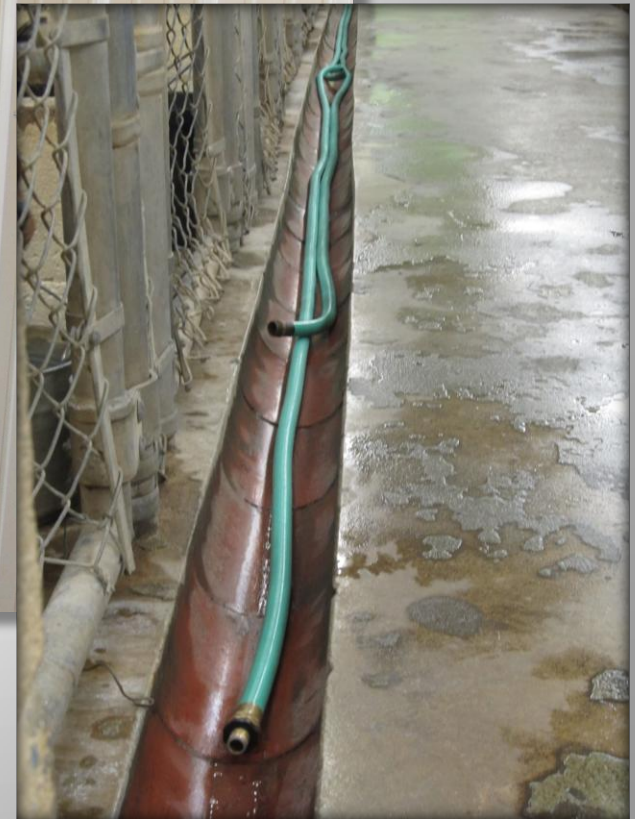


“Extreme Shelter Makeover”
June 2011









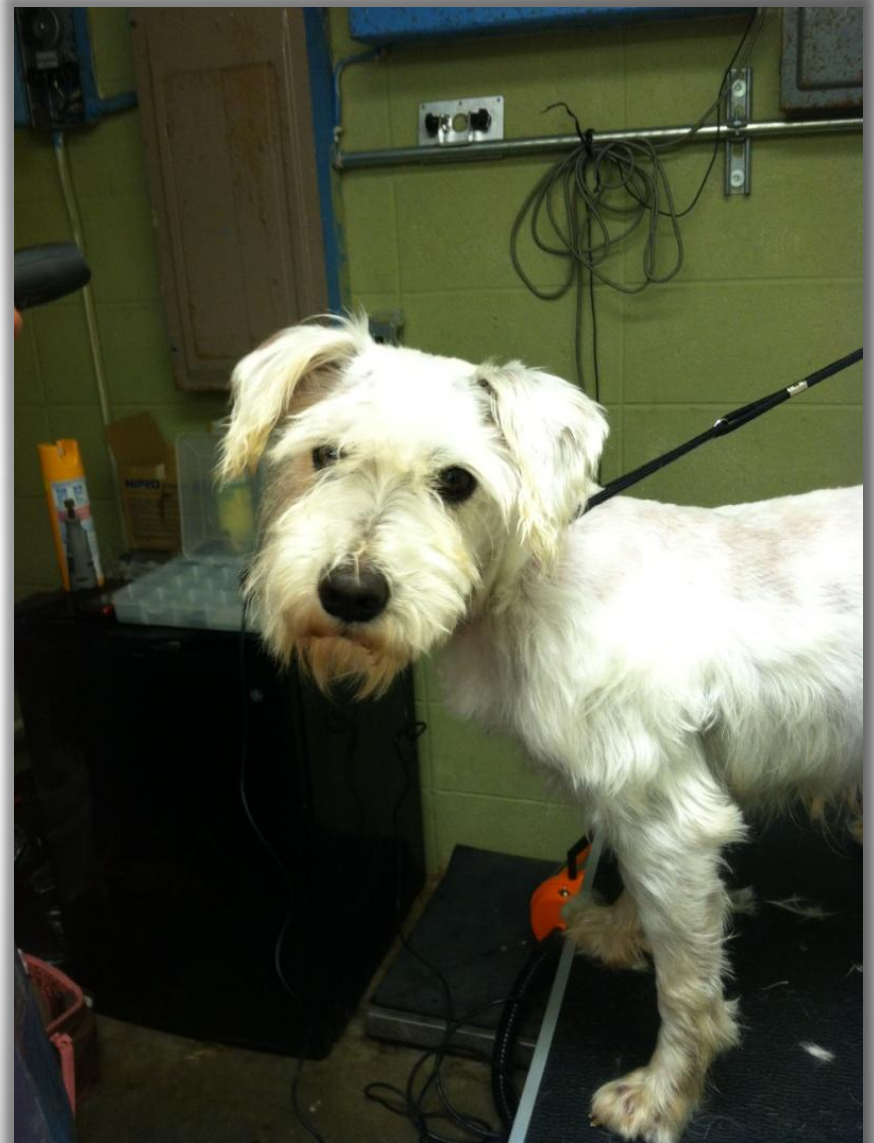
Water improvements



Some dogs arrive in very bad shape



Volunteer groomer Rene Hamelton beautifies dogs





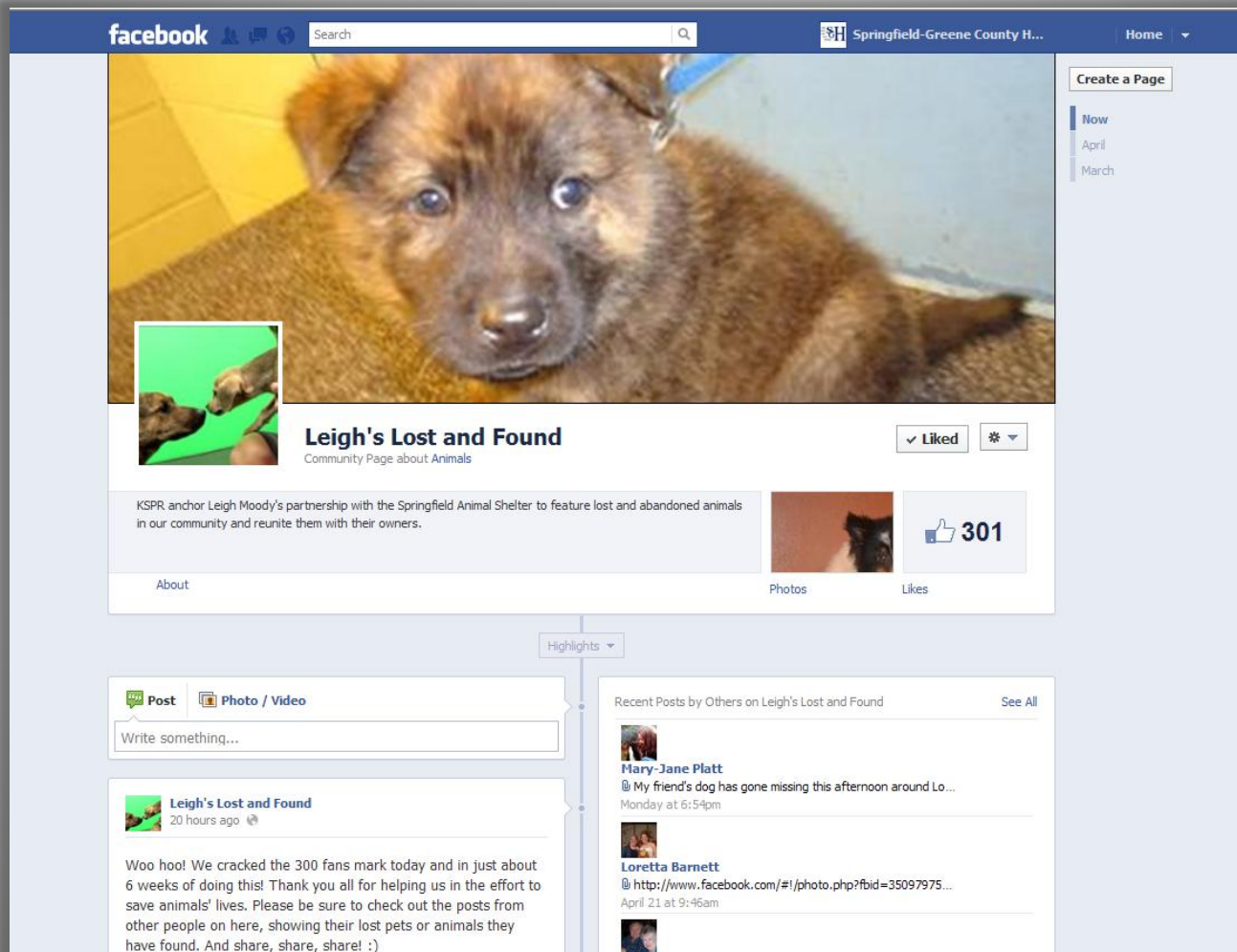
Contract veterinarian Dr. Mike Stafford keeps a close eye on the health of our animals and is available 24/7

Partnerships

Springfield Animal Advocacy Foundation

- In fiscal year 2011-2012 City Council designated \$35,000 for spay/neuter surgeries for animals pulled from our facility by rescues organizations
- Most surgeries took place at SAAF House, the low cost/high volume spay and neuter clinic. Cost of surgeries was covered 100%
- To date, 557 dogs have been spayed or neutered and 175 cats have been spayed or neutered
- Rescues could also use a vet of their choice and be reimbursed \$30 per surgery



Media Partner: Leigh's Lost & Found on KSPR



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Create a Page

Now
April
March

Leigh's Lost and Found
Community Page about Animals

✓ Liked


KSPR anchor Leigh Moody's partnership with the Springfield Animal Shelter to feature lost and abandoned animals in our community and reunite them with their owners.

About Photos Likes

Highlights


Post Photo / Video


Write something...

 **Leigh's Lost and Found**
20 hours ago

Woo hoo! We cracked the 300 fans mark today and in just about 6 weeks of doing this! Thank you all for helping us in the effort to save animals' lives. Please be sure to check out the posts from other people on here, showing their lost pets or animals they have found. And share, share, share! :)

Recent Posts by Others on Leigh's Lost and Found [See All](#)

 **Mary-Jane Platt**
@ My friend's dog has gone missing this afternoon around Lo...
Monday at 6:54pm

 **Loretta Barnett**
@ <http://www.facebook.com/#1/photo.php?fbid=35097975...>
April 21 at 9:46am

(Click image for video clip)

Rescue Partners 2011

- Halfway Home - 860
- CARE - 571
- Wrightway Animal Rescue - 72
- Barnyard Second Chance - 28
- Partners For Pets - 15
- All Creatures - 14
- BFF Rescue - 7
- Animal Fair Rescue - 6
- Mo Kan Border Collie Rescue - 6
- Boxer Schnauzer Animal Rescue of the Ozarks - 3
- National Great Pyrenees Animal Rescue - 3

Rescue Partners 2011, cont.

- River City Rescue - 3
- Canines in Crisis - 2
- English Springer Rescue of America - 2
- Faery Tails Corgi Rescue - 2
- Western Missouri Basset Rescue - 2
- Doberman Rescue of Nebraska
- Faithful Friends
- Heart of America Poodle & Friends Animal Rescue
- International Doodle
- Southwest Missouri Humane Society
- Tails Rescue

Six-Month Dog Adoption Streak

- From late October 2011 through late April 2012, every potentially adoptable dog housed at the shelter was tagged by rescues to be put up for public adoption
- More than 650 dogs total
- “Potentially adoptable” = healthy & non-vicious
- Vaccination, grooming and vet care efforts have helped make more dogs adoptable
- Does not include pit bulls or cats

Six-Month Milestone Celebration

WHEN: 3-5 p.m., this Friday, May 4

WHERE: Phelps Grove Park Pavilion

- Rescue partner recognition
- Dogs welcome (and their people, too)
- Live music, treats for dogs and humans, games, and more...





Questions?